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1. An order has been placed with Band and Posamenten V.B., Brandenburg, for quantities of uniform insignia (Uniformausruestungsstuecken). The insignia are reported to be for the various elements of the DDR Military Forces. The orders were placed by the following offices:

- a) Ministry of the Interior
Masernierte Volkspolizei
Berlin-Adlershof
Rudower Chaussee 106-112
- b) Ministry of the Interior
Volkspolizei See
Berlin-Niederschöneweide
Schnellerstrasse 130
- c) Ministry of the Interior
Volkspolizei-Luft
Berlin-Johannisthal

Band and Posamenten VEB was told that it could procure all necessary materials for the completion of the order from the Bureau fuer Wirtschaftsfragen.

2. Following are the specific items which the firm is to manufacture:

- a) Article 1: Shoulder straps for enlisted personnel.
- b) Article 2: Colored facings (Litzenband) for shoulder straps.
- c) Article 3: Shoulder straps for second lieutenants (U. Lt.).
- d) Article 4: Shoulder straps for first lieutenants.
- e) Article 5: Shoulder straps for majors.
- f) Article 6: Collar patches (Spiegel) for uniforms.
- g) Article 7: Collar patches for uniform coats.

3. The order follows. All numbers represent pairs of insignia:

- a) Shoulder straps for enlisted personnel:
raspberry color* - 50,000 pairs, of which 30,000 are to be
delivered by 30 September 1952

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black - 70,000 pairs, of which 40,000 are due by 30 September.
 blue - 40,000 pairs, of which 25,000 are due by 30 September.
 yellow - no order specified.
 dark green - 2,500 pairs, of which 1,500 are to be delivered by
 30 September.

- b) Colored facings for enlisted men's shoulder straps: 17,000, of which 10,000 are due by 30 September.

c) Color	Article 3	Article 4	Article 5
raspberry	-	5,000	1,500
		(3,500)***	(1,000)
black	-	8,000	1,600
		(6,500)	(1,200)
blue	-	5,500	800
		(4,000)	(500)
dark green	-	1,000	500
		(1,000)	(400)

d) Color	Article 6	Article 7
raspberry	50,000	15,000
	(25,000)	(15,000)
black	1,200	600
	(500)	(600)
blue	40,000	13,000
	(20,000)	(13,000)
dark green	2,500	1,000
	(1,200)	(1,000)

e) Color	Article 6	Article 7
raspberry-black border	(3,500)	(2,000)
black-raspberry border	4,000	2,000
	(2,200)	(2,000)
black-blue border	11,000	3,000
	(6,000)	(3,000)
black-yellow border	11,000	3,000
	(6,000)	(3,000)
black-dark green border	40,000	15,000
	(20,000)	(15,000)
blue-black border	4,000	(2,000)
dark green-raspberry border	(2,000)	(1,000)
black velvet-red border	(4,000)	(2,000)

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* [] Comment: It is possible that the coloring system for the shoulder straps follows that used in the Soviet armed forces.

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[] Comment: The color of the facings is not further specified.

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[] Comment: Numbers in parentheses indicate the amounts which are to be delivered by 30 September 1952.

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